

**Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Family Health and Wellness**

Position Name: Deputy Director, Child Health

Job Classification: Public Health Administrator 2 (Executive Service)

Education: Masters or Doctorate of Public Health (preferred, experience with public health or community based experience may be substituted), Nursing, or Social Work

Overview: This is an executive position responsible for vision and leadership of state public health systems and partnerships to promote the health of young children and their families.

Ideal candidate:

- Vision for systems approach to promoting health in early childhood
- Extensive experience with public health or community-based systems
- Extensive experience with grant applications and reporting
- Experience in management of complex budgets
- Experience in management of large teams
- Experience in communications with media and high level stakeholders including governmental and community partners

Duties Related to Early Childhood Section:

- Provide guidance to the Early Childhood, Perinatal and Newborn Screening, and Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) sections in the selection, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies
- Support local/regional health department staff in early childhood initiatives
- Work with Division Assistant Commissioner and the Commissioner's Office to reduce upstream risk factors for morbidity and mortality
- Assist with preparation and review of grant reports and applications for responsible sections and for the Maternal Child Health (Title V) Block Grant as applicable
- Present to local, regional, state, and national groups as requested on topics relevant to section work
- Provide guidance in strategic alignment efforts around key public health priorities such as infant mortality reduction, transitions in care, lead surveillance, adverse childhood experiences, and social determinants of health
- Provide coaching and mentoring to staff
- Along with Early Childhood Section Chief, oversee federal and state funded home visiting partnerships, review of grant applications and reporting, and proactively respond to legislative inquiries
- Along with CYSHCN Section Chief, oversee development of birth defects surveillance and case management system
- Along with Perinatal Section Chief, oversee neonatal and perinatal service coordination and quality collaboration
- Liaison with Departmental team working on electronic health record (EPI Project) to incorporate home visiting communications into the EPI work flow
- Ensure evaluation of programs to demonstrate effective use of funds
- Ensure equitable allocation of available funds to risk stratified groups or geographic regions
- Develop public health capacity for effective strategic planning and funding utilization in local communities
- Develop external statewide and national partnerships to collectively impact the health of children and families

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Personnel Details:

- Direct supervision of up to 8 staff (3 section chiefs, 3 senior epidemiologists, IT Specialist, nurse manager)
- Ultimately responsible for team of 35
- Reports to Assistant Commissioner (Division Director of Family Health and Wellness)

Interested applicants should send CV and letter of interest to Dr. Morgan McDonald (Morgan.mcdonald@tn.gov).

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